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HEMUS AND MUSIAL ELEVATE RAMPAGING CARDS

Three score and seven games had not been played by the St. Louis Cardinals this year before Red Bird fans, and Missouri newspaper writers, had decided that Solly Hemus was no longer an asset to the ball club. The front office, however, remained calm and issued a vote of confidence for the fiery mentor.

Early this week the Cardinals moved into third place, a definite threat to Los Angeles, Milwaukee and Pittsburgh. Most of this glorious effort is due to Hemus and a rejuvenated hero known as Stan Musial.

Followers of the sport cannot reason why the new gas-house gang is where it is today. They know that the club has a mediocre pitching staff, few good hitters and Kenny Boyer's sub-par batting average.

Since Solly took over the reins at St. Louis in 1958, the club has been making trades and shuffling players in an attempt to bring the Red Birds a flag no later than 1961. However, behind Solly's inspiration, the Cardinals feel as if they have a darn good chance of wrapping up the pennant this year, despite the pitching.

During a Community Chest drive in 1959 in San Pedro, Stan was asked to speak to a group composed of sports writers, religious leaders, business and professional men. Musial was by no means the greatest baseball playing speaker I had ever heard, but he made you realize that no greater love ever existed but the love and admiration for the popular game of baseball. Regardless of his business holdings and the enormous salary he commands, The Man convinced you that he was in the game as a hustler, eager to get in there always and swing that bat.

Together, Hemus and Musial and the rest of the Cardinals might surprise everyone but themselves this year. Next time the Red Birds come to town, try and get a seat behind their dugout between home and third—you'll see and hear why I think they are a threat to wrest the pennant away to St. Louis.

Sheehan Not a Manager

When Horace Stoneham of the Giants decided to fire Bill Rigney and replace him with Tom Sheehan, he must have thought that the latter would make a good manager.

Evidence of Sheehan's failure is evident in the present standings. When he took over from Rigney, the club was just four games out of first in second place. Standings as of two days ago show the Giants in fifth place, 8½ games behind the leading Pirates.

If this isn't had enough, how about Sheehan farming out Willie McCovey. Perhaps he was only batting .244, but what would happen if all managers decided to remove McCoveys who hit in the clutch, hit that long ball, and amass a decent figure in the RBI column? I know, most people would say that they are pulling a Sheehan. Oh, my! Horace, bring in a manager!

Southland Beats Record for Automobile Influx

Out-of-state automobiles entered the Southland at a new fast pace during the first six months of this year, pointing the way to the sixth consecutive record year for new residents and visitors in the area, the Automobile Club of Southern California announced today.

The count, taken at highway entrances to the state, shows that 490,244 out-of-state cars carrying 1,308,219 passengers entered the 13 Southern California counties between Jan. 1 and June 30.

During the comparable period last year 484,775 cars with 1,285,295 passengers entered the Southland.

The area chalked up its fifth consecutive record year during 1959 when 1,052,884 out-of-state cars carrying 2,838,837 passengers entered.

State-wide figures show a similar situation. During the first six months of this year 916,061 cars with 2,387,834 passengers entered the Golden State.

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SPORTS

Local Gridder Preps for '60 Season; 'Pressure' Big Difference in College



JON ARNETT, the terror of the Los Angeles Rams in 1959, joined the rest of the club in preparation for the Redskin charity game which will be played Aug. 19 at the Coliseum.

By Gary Palmer

A letter arrived in the mail of Torrance resident, Frank Greminger the other day and Frank was well aware of its contents without even opening the envelope.

The letter was postmarked Corvallis, Ore. and to further identify its sender, in the upper left hand corner was the personalized return address of Oregon State College. Clarifying it still further was the stamp of the OSC athletic department.

The letter could mean only one thing—Greminger had just received orders to start preparing himself for the coming football season under Coach Tommy Prothro.

The former Gardena High grid star, who was twice named to the All-Marine League team in his junior and senior years, made a mental note of the orders and headed for the beach.

Tomorrow there would be no more beach, no more leisure, for he would have to start workouts in preparation for the three month grind ahead.

Prothro, former assistant coach under the late Red Sanders at UCLA, would be unhappy with the 6-1, muscular fullback if he returned to fall practice out of condition.

Now a junior at OSC, Greminger is considered a "seasoned veteran" for the Beavers, but to hear him tell it, one would get the impression he was a scared first year man, trying to make the team.

"Pressure," declares Greminger, "is the biggest difference between high school and college ball."

"There's no end to the amount of tension that mounts before a game," said the big fullback, "but," he added, "this is part of the Prothro system of coaching."

"There's pressure from the coaches watching you in practice, pressure from your opponents, pressure from studies, pressure from teammates vying for a spot on the squad, and mainly the pressure in the locker room before the game."

Asked to further define the "locker room pressure," Frank described it as a "waiting" pressure. "We suit up about an hour and 45 minutes before game time, and just sit for a solid hour," Greminger said.

"Prothro does this to get our minds fully on the game, and believe me, it works," remarked the husky fullback.

"It serves as a psychological factor more than anything else," Greminger added. "It keys you all up and the tension mounts until it's often unbearable."

"It even makes a lot of the guys momentarily sick," he said, "but it serves its purpose when the game finally gets under way."

The day of a game, the squad rises early and all eat an identical breakfast of baked potato with honey (no butter allowed), orange juice, peas and tea. "Steaks come after the game," relates Greminger. "This is Prothro's special 'game day' diet."

After playing the "waiting game" in the locker room prior to the clash, the grid-ders take to the field for a 15 minute pre-game practice session, running quickly through the drills.

Returning to the locker room 15 or 20 minutes before the opening whistle, the squad again sits and waits.

"Usually in silence," adds Greminger, "unless Prothro is unhappy with the pre-game practice or has some last minute strategy for us."

What are Prothro's chief coaching tactics? "Concentration and quickness are the two things he primarily stresses," the big fullback said. "He makes us concentrate with 'the waiting game,' and by 'quickness' Prothro means getting to your assignment as fast as possible. If I'm to take out the left linebacker, the quicker I get to him, the happier Prothro will be."

Frank is not the first member of the Greminger family to star on the gridiron. He has a cousin, Hank Greminger, who plays professional football with the Green Bay Packers.

Nor is Greminger the only local gridder playing ball at Oregon State.

Former North High great, Ernie Thompson, is also under the tutelage of Prothro and his single wing attack.

Both of them will be seen in action at the Coliseum when the Beavers tackle USC in the season lifter Sept. 16.

First Loss

Torrance Upsets Culver City, 5-3

By John Whitacre

Bo Palica's Torrance Connie Mack team handed Culver City its first loss in two years Sunday, 5-3, and moved to within two games of Culver's league lead.

Bill Morris tossed a six-hitter, and received fine defensive support from infielders Buck Cookus and Steve Rameriz. He is the only pitcher to defeat them in the last 28 games.

With the score tied 2-2, Torrance broke it open with three runs in the bottom half of the fifth. Rameriz led off with a single and two Culver City errors and a double by

Bob Hoppes scored all three runs unearned.

Leading Torrance 12 hit attack were, Hoppes and Dwayne Merrial with three hits apiece, while Bill Williams, Dave Marsden, and Cookus each had two safeties.

The only serious trouble Morris ran into was in the sixth, after Culver City had loaded the bases with nobody out. Morris then struck out Mike Bogan, and Gary Smith grounded into a double play.

Next Saturday, the Red Devils will host third place San Pedro at Torrance Park, and then Monday night will travel to Wrigley field in Los Angeles to meet the Dodger Rookies.

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